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Sri A. Veloo :—" Has the Government of Madras recognized the training in the National Cadet Corps as an additional qualification for Government service? "

Mr. Speaker :—" That has nothing to do with this question. We shall pass on to the next question."

Delay in forwarding pension papers in the Fisheries Department.

* 292 *Q.*—Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from persons of the Fisheries Department alleging inordinate delay in the department to forward pension papers;

(*b*) if so, from how many; and

(*c*) what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Two cases.

" (*c*) In one case the Government have sanctioned the grant of an anticipatory pension pending issue of final pension order. In the other case, the report of the Director of Industries and Commerce is awaited."

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—" May I know how long this pension paper has been pending? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" The officer, in whose affair the hon. Member is interested, retired from service on 23rd June 1953. There has been some delay because we have to refer the matter to the Accountant-General and the Accountant-General returned back the papers. No doubt, there has been some delay. But, in the meanwhile, the Government have sanctioned the grant of an anticipatory pension of Rs. 30 per mensem to this officer."

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—" In view of the fact that these Government officers drawing a small salary have to wait for months after retirement to get their pension and they have to starve or go on begging in the meanwhile, will the Government find out some method for expediting these matters? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" I shall certainly expedite it, Sir. Certain delays are inevitable. Therefore, we sanction anticipatory pension."

Opening of a Medical College in Madurai.

* 293 *Q.*—Sri T. Ananta Pai : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the estimated capital expenditure to be incurred on the proposed Medical College at Madurai—

(i) for the pre-clinical course; and

(ii) for the clinical course?